

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) A method for displaying a time-dependent process, the method comprising:

applying a liquid onto a porous indicator strip disposed on a toothbrush, the strip having a first portion and a second portion opposite the first portion and containing a dye; and
diffusing the dye along the length of the indicator strip at a predetermined rate.

22. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, further comprising dissolving the dye in the liquid within a storage capsule located adjacent the first portion of the indicator strip.

23. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the liquid comprises water.

24. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the dye comprises Erythrosin B or Coomassie Brilliant Blue.

25. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the indicator strip comprises cellulose paper.

26. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 22, wherein the liquid is applied to the second portion of the indicator strip.

27. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 22, further comprising applying the liquid to the indicator strip from the storage capsule.

28. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 27, further comprising opening the capsule by applying mechanical pressure to a flexible cladding substantially surrounding the indicator strip and the capsule.

29. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 27, further comprising opening the capsule by actuating a pressure pin arranged adjacent the capsule.

30. (Currently Amended) A display device for a toothbrush, the device comprising: a capsule to store a liquid and comprising a seal for controllable release of the liquid; and a porous indicator strip disposed adjacent to the capsule, the indicator strip having a display surface, a first portion adjacent the capsule and a second portion opposite the first portion, the indicator strip comprising a dye, the indicator strip being configured so that molecules of the dye configured to adhere to the indicator strip;

wherein the indicator strip is configured to diffuse the dye to from the first portion toward the second portion at a predetermined rate and form a line of demarcation along the indicator strip.

31. (Previously presented) The device of claim 30, further comprising a scale located adjacent the indicator strip to provide an indication of elapsed time.

32. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30, wherein the dye is dissolved in the liquid of the storage capsule.

33. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30, wherein the dye is disposed along the second portion of the indicator strip.

34. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30, wherein the device is configured to introduce the liquid from the capsule to the dye along the indicator strip.

35. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30, wherein the liquid comprises water.

36. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30, wherein the dye comprises Erythrosin B or Coomassie Brilliant Blue.

37. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30 wherein the indicator strip comprises cellulose filter paper.

38. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30, further comprising a protective cladding substantially surrounding the indicator strip and the capsule.

39. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 38, further comprising a mechanical pressure device arranged on an opposite side of the indicator strip facing away from the display surface configured to actuate and burst the capsule.

40. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush comprising:
a capsule to store a liquid and comprising a seal for controllable release of the liquid; and
a porous indicator strip disposed adjacent to the capsule, the indicator strip having a display surface, a first portion adjacent the capsule and a second portion opposite the first portion, the indicator strip comprising a dye, the indicator strip being configured so that molecules of the dye are configured to adhere to the indicator strip;

wherein the indicator strip is configured to diffuse the dye to from the first portion toward the second portion at a predetermined rate and form a line of demarcation along the indicator strip to indicate elapsed time.

41. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the strip is impregnated with the dye.

42. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the strip is printed with the dye.

43. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the strip has been conditioned to cause molecules of the dye to adhere to the strip.

44. (New) The device of claim 30 wherein the strip is impregnated with the dye.

45. (New) The device of claim 30 wherein the strip is printed with the dye.